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SUBJECT: (C) PRESS GUIDANCE: KLAUS BARBIE

.. (C) THERE FOLLOWS APPROVED WHITE HOUSE MEDIA GUIDANCE ON KLAUS BARBIE STORY. THE SPECIFIC QUESTION FOR WHICH THIS GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED RELATED TO A REQUEST FOR COMMENT CONCERNING BARBIF'S REPORTED LINKS TO U.S. INTELLIGENCE. ADDRESSEES SHOULD USE THIS GUIDANCE AS A GENERAL STATEMENT OF THE USG POSITION. FARIS PASS TO CONSULATES.

2. (U) BEGIN TEXT:

(U)Q: CAN YOU COMMENT ON THIS MORNING'S NEW YORK TIMES STORY CONCERNING KLAUS BARBIE LINKS TO U.S. INTELLIGENCE?

A. APPROPRIATE AGENCIES HAVE BEEN ASKED FOR A REVIEW TO IDENTIFY ANY INFORMATION THAT MIGHT BE RELEVANT. OF COURSE, WITH REGARD TO YOUR Q.ESTION ON INTELLIGENCE, YOU KNOW THAT WE DO NOT COMMENT ON INTELLIGENCE MATTERS AS A GENERAL POLICY.

(U) WE CONDEMN ANY ACTIVITY THAT WOULD INTERFERE WITH THE BRINGING TO JUSTICE OF PEOPLE ACCUSED OF SUCH ABHORRENT.

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